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Department of Regional Planning

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**SECOND STATUS REPORT ON AMENDMENT TO TITLE 22 (ZONING ORDINANCE) TO ENHANCE EMERGENCY RESPONSE FOR AMBULANCE SERVICES IN THE COUNTY (JULY 17, 2012 AGENDA, ITEM NO. 3)**

On July 17, 2012, your Board adopted a motion instructing the Director of Regional Planning to revise Title 22 to: 1) provide definitions of emergency and nonemergency ambulance service facilities, including definitions of the different types of emergency service facilities; 2) permit appropriate types of emergency ambulance service facilities to be located in specified commercial and manufacturing zones subject to a ministerial process; 3) provide appropriate permitting standards and processes applicable to the remaining types of emergency ambulance service facilities as well as to nonemergency facilities in specified commercial and manufacturing zones; and 4) direct the Regional Planning Commission (RPC) to conduct a public hearing and forward its recommendation on the proposed ordinance revisions to the Board for its consideration.

**STEPS TAKEN TO COMPLETE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

An initial status report was provided to the Board on August 28, 2012; since that report the following actions have been completed:

- Conducted research on other jurisdictions' regulations for ambulance services.
- Drafted preliminary ordinance that addresses all actions within the Board Motion.
- Conducted internal Department of Regional Planning (DRP) review of draft ordinance.
- Forwarded draft ordinance to other County departments for their review and comment.
- Distributed draft ordinance to stakeholders for their input.
- Began preparation of Initial Study.

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### **NEXT STEPS IN COMPLETING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

DRP staff, in collaboration with County Counsel, must still complete the following tasks before preparing a final draft ordinance:

- Collect additional community and stakeholder input.
- Incorporate staff and stakeholder input into draft ordinance.
- Prepare final draft ordinance.
- Complete Initial Study.
- Complete ordinance amendment process and present at a public hearing to the RPC.

### **PROJECTED TIMELINE FOR COMPLETING REFERRAL**

Staff considered all aspects of this ordinance amendment and estimates that a final draft can be prepared and presented to the RPC by February 2013. Board action is expected approximately 6 to 8 weeks thereafter.

I trust this status report has been of assistance to you. If you have any questions regarding this item, please contact Bruce Durbin at (213) 974-6432.

c: Executive Office, Board of Supervisors  
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